DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Dear BEEGEEBOPPERS!

First and foremost a very big 'thank you' from The Bee Gees and myself for all the marvellous Christmas presents you sent. I wish you could of seen the boys opening their presents, they were like a bunch of over grown children - just couldn't get the wrapping paper off quick enough. When there was a join present I thought there would be a fight over who should have it. One present that everyone fell in love with was a big fluffy toy dog from Julie and Jan of London. As for me - well I was sent so many chocolates I am putting on pounds!

Secondly Christmas cards. Barry, Robin and Colin apologise for not signing them, but they left for their holiday before they were sent to me from the printers.

Do you know what Barry and Robin decided to ive themselves as Christmas presents - a trip round the world! I expect by the time you get this letter they will be basking in the sun. The first two days they spent in New York, then they are off to Los Angeles, Honolulu and Sidney. Christmas Day will be spent in Adelaide with Robert Stigwoods parents - and then it will be back to cold and frosty London.

Colin will also be in Australia for Christmas. He kept the whole thing a secret from the press and sent a letter to his parents telling them that he wouldn't be able to make it until March. When he gets to Australia he is going to stay in a Hotel for a couple of days then go on to Brisbane and knock at his parents door - and I'm sure he will give them one of the nicest surprises they have ever had.

Vince will be spending his first every Christmas in England - in his newly decorated flat - something he is looking forward to very much.

Maurice? He is going to his parents home in Buckinghamshire.

Don't forget to watch television on Christmas Eve. Vince, Colin, Barry, Robin and Maurice are on a programme called 'How On Earth'. It sounded as though everyone, except the poor clergy of Liverpool Cathedral, had a wonderful time. Maurice of course, didn't start things too well. He left his stage outfit in the car - and everyone was going frantic

incase his clothes didn't get to him on time. They did arrive in time, but all was in vain - Maurice couldn't wear them - his trousers had shrunk! The boys father asked the clergy if they had enough bouncers. The Dean looked shocked, bouncers in a Cathedral! He tried to tell Mr. Gibb that he needn't worry, that he must remember it was a Cathedral and not a Theatre. And Mr Gibb tried to tell him that they were The Bee Gees and not just a group. Everyone seemed very calm and sure that nothing would happen in a Cathedral, even though it was a jammed with 2,00 teenagers. When The Bee Gees went on stage the fans went mad for them. Vince was nearly pulled off stage once or twice - you see the stage was a round platform about four foot high. Apparently there was pulling going on both sides, as girls were fainting by the dozens, and the boys, with the help of Dick, had to haul them on to the platform, for it was impossible for them to get the girls out through the audience. Just fancy fainting and then coming round in the arms of a Bee Gee - enough to make them pass out again. As the evening went on the audience went frantic with delight of the sound of our fivesome. It ended with the trainee priests acting as bouncers and smuggling The Bee Gees out through the Cathedrals vaults. They came, they were seen, and they conquered. Beatles watch out. Remember Liverpool is meant to be your town!!

I'm surprised the boys get time to write songs, they have so many hobbies. The main craze is making films with their video tape. It is like a movie kit, but it also has sound as well. Maurice is always the camerman and Barry the top of the cast. A few weeks ago they did a murder mystery. They had one camera out in the street which filmed Barry walking down it in the dark, looking a very nasty character indeed. Barry then broke into the house and had a fight with one of Mr. Stigwoods servants he creeps up the stairs a little more and goes and murders poor Robin. By this stage of course, everyone is fed-up with being serious and the whole thing turns into a goon show. Their favourite film is a send-up of Harold Wilson and which ends with Barry being Prime Minister. (Wish he was)

Barry is still keeping to his weight lifting exerercises and he has also taken up fencing. Maurice confessed that he has given it up - it is too much like hard work!

Maurice's latest trick is giving people electric shocks. You see they have some very new carpets in the house, and if you rub your feet on the same spot of a while and then tough someone you give them a shock. They decided to do this to their cleaner - poor woman.

It looks like next year is going to be another eventful year. At the beginning of January the boys are off to Hanover to receive an award for their records.

From January 22nd to 26th The Bee Gees are going to Los Angeles to do "The Smother Brothers Comedy Show".

On 27th they do a one night stand in California.

February - plans are being made for the boys to do a tour of Germany.

9th March - back to Germany again to receive another award.

27th March until May The Bee Gees first British tour. The tour opens at The Royal Albert Hall - the box office will be open early in the new year. You are advised to book your seats as soon as possible.

Two new records are due for release in January - their new single which will be 'Words' and the long awaited L.P. 'Horizontal'.

Well, that seems to be it for now. The main thing left to say is have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Bee Gees and myself. And take care.

Bye for now,

Julie Barrett

P.S. I must ask you to excuse all the mistakes, but things are so busy here I can't think straight.